Report and Accounts (1992-93 of the Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Limited, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): Madam, I lay on the Table:-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of sectin 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1992-93, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6197/94)

Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi and related papers

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PRANAB SINGH GHATOWAR): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi, for the year 1992-93, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

श्री सच्चिदानन्द (कर्णाटक) : महोदय मैं सभा पटल पर रखे गए पत्रों संबंधी समिति का बावनवां और तिरपनवां प्रतिवेदन (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) प्रस्तुत करता हूँ ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Jagdish Tytler.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL WELFARE BOARD FOR SEAFARES

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Madam, I beg to ove:

"That in pursuane of clause (i) of rule 4 read with rule 6 of the National Welfare Board for Seafarers Rules, 1963 (as amended), made under sub-section (2) of section 218 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House to be a member of the National Welfare Board for Seafares in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Shri E. Balanandan from the membership of the Rajya Sabha on the 1st July, 1994."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

REFERENCE

Re. Boycott of the session by major opposition parties

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Swaminathan. I will allow you.

SHRI P. UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): No, no. He is associating.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): No. I will speak for myself. Mr. Upendra can speak and I will speak for myself. I am not associating.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The sentiments are the same.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Madam, the point I want to raise is that I am very sorry to note that no Opposition party is here and there has been a stalemate continuing between the Government and the Opposition regarding the Action Taken Report. It cannot indefinitely go on like this and I would request the Government to take some action on this matter and then have a discussion with the Opposition leaders and then try to settle this matter as early as possible. That is why I want to make a very strong plea on this matter beause this House cannot be truncated as it is now and democracy cannot function. Democracy is something like a coin wherein you could have both the sides. With one side you will not be able to function and then the House cannot function like this. We also as an Opposition party, feel very strongly and I am able to feel the sentiments of the Opposition parties and we also in the AIADMK feel very strongly that the Government should have consulted the Opposition before placing this Report and if it had taken all the precautions before-hand, instead of consulting us afterwards three or four times, then this stalemate would not have occurred. So unfortunately, the Government has not taken this into consideration before-hand. I personally feel, and I also wish to appeal to the Opposition, that escalating this matter will not be to the advantage of any party. I appeal to the Opposition that they should also enter into a discussion with the Government and see to it that this stalemate is broken as early as passible so that we can function normally. That is my appeal to both the Government and also to the Opposition.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Madam, a very unfortunate situation has developed in this House, as well as in the other House, following the total boycott of the House by some Opposition parties and also their resignations from the Parliamentary Committees. Of course, this is not an upreceden-ted step; it happened earlier also. But such a situation should not have developed. And it is very unfortunate that when the Chairman suggested that this matter should be discussed threadbare in the House and the Government should be told how the report should be amended or what further action should be taken, this offer was not accepted by some Opposition parties, and the stalemate has occurred, and extreme positions have been taken by both the sides. There are technicalities which are standing in the way. As per the newspaper reports, while the Government is prepared to keep the Report in abeyance, the Opposition wants its total withdrawal. And I do not know what the difference is between 'keeping in abeyance' and 'withdrawal'. Action has already been taken. And nobody wants the action to be withdrawn or the action to be kept in abeyance. And it is only the question of the Report. And if the Report is to be kept in abeyance, it is as good as withdrawal also. I do not know why this matter has not been sorted out at the discussion stage. All of us, those who do not agree with the action of the Opposition parties also feel that the Report is incomplete, it is very badly written, and it contained offensive